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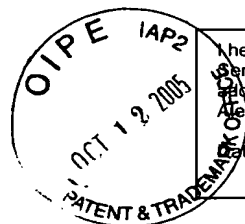
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 12, 2005 (Paper No. 20050902).

The Examiner has required restriction between the following inventions in the above-identified application:

Species I: Figures 1A-2B

Species II: Figures 3A-3B

Species III: Figures 4A-4B

Species IV: Figure 5

Applicant hereby elects the **Species of Figure 5** for continued examination. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating the presence of generic claims. Applicant respectfully submits that this communication is fully responsive to the present Action.

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Respectfully submitted,

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